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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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| FOR: | FABRIC AND METHOD FOR SHARING AN I/O DEVICE AMONG VIRTUAL MACHINES FORMED IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM | |

Enclosed are:

- 17 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Transmittal of Japanese Patent application 2003-040232 to claim priority date of February 18, 2003.
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- An Executed Declaration.
- An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 with references.
- The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | +\$280 = | |
| | | BASIC FEE | | \$770.00 |
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- A check in the amount of **\$1,154.00** to cover the filing fees and assignment fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including patent application filing fees and processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 08-1480.

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